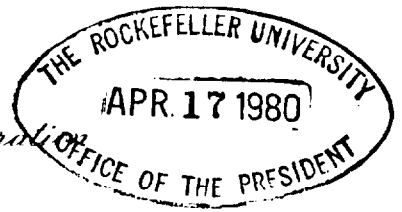


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Office of the Vice President and Director of Research

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Professor Joshua Lederberg
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Dear Joshua:

I am writing to invite you to speak at our laboratory as part of our Distinguished Lecture Series. If you come, I think we can promise you a large and responsive group in attendance at your talk. Your audience will be members of our Research Staff, who work in a variety of disciplines, and who very much enjoy hearing about outstanding scientific work whether or not it is their own area of research.

We would arrange a small luncheon on the day of your lecture, and discussions with a few of our staff members about research projects they are working on. These projects range from astrophysics to superconducting switching circuitry, protein physics, defects in solids and quantum optics.

To give you some idea of the nature of this lecture series, recent speakers have included Freeman Dyson, Murray Gell-Mann, and Robert Dicke. The lectures have usually been about an hour long, and are held in our 264 seat auditorium.

We will, of course, provide an honorarium for your lecture and pay your travel expenses.

Some time during May or June of 1980 would be an especially good time for your lecture from our point of view, but if that presents a difficulty, I am sure we can arrange another date. I hope you can come. ✓

Sincerely,

Ralph E. Gomory
Vice President and Director of Research

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